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Amendment A

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 06/26/2003, please amend the above application as follows:

Title: change to --Optical Fiber Test Tips For Minimally Invasive Diagnostic Use

Claims: Cancel all claims of record and substitute new claims 15 to 26 as follows.

15. A test tip device for measuring an analyte in a sample for minimally invasive diagnostic use comprising: an elongated, non-air, light conducting medium between the light emitting/detecting sources and the reagent pad; said light conducting medium being a piece of solid, micro optical fiber with two equal